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SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes, I understand that. I have an amendment pending up there which would bring to the attention of this body a problem which I don't think we realize. Now would you have any objections to returning the bill to your committee with this amendment for a hearing?

SENATOR KREMER: Does the proposed amendment make a substantial change to the, to the bill?

SENATOR CARPENTER: It has to do with the raising of the gasoline tax. It has to do with fund for bridges, it has a lot of things that this body really is not, does not have enough information now to really understand the problem that's going to confront us. I only think that because the amendment is pertinent to the bill and germane, in my judgment, we ought to discuss it at a public hearing. Now if you object to this, I withdraw--

SENATOR KREMER: Well, as Chairman of the committee, I do not object. I would think you, perhaps we should get a vote of the Legislature because it would probably be almost a new bill.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, it would change it materially, yes. All I, I, I'm on my feet a lot and I take an interest in a lot of problems and some of the time it's done to attempt to advise this body ahead of time what we're going to be confronted with soon and that's the only purpose of this bill and this amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, it's probably relevant to this bill all right because this bill deals with the raising of the revenue or the State aid to the construction of bridges and it brings into this bill the formula as it is related to revenue generated through gasoline tax and through licensing of vehicles and so on so it would be, it opened this chapter up and certainly would be relevant and as the Chairman of the committee I personally have no objections. I think maybe we ought to get a vote of the Legislature--attach the new bill.

SENATOR CARPENTER: With the understanding that whatever the committee did after the consideration of the amendments. I would take whatever your judgment is in the area in which it might apply, so if the Chairman has no objection, I'd like to move, the amendment has been printed in the Journal, that the bill return to the Public Works Committee to hold a hearing, which you can do at 1:00 some day that you want to pick out and for a full discussion, I think an hour would take care of it all. I think this is a highly important problem, one that the committee probably, at least all of the members are not familiar with the thing as I think they might be.

SENATOR KREMER: I would think, Senator Carpenter, that the bill should be set for a hearing and give public notice; 7 days is required by our rules and give anyone who wishes to do to come in testify on your proposed amendments, so it--me as Chairman of the committee.

SENATOR CARPENTER: So I'd like to move, Mr. President, L.B. 87 be referred back to the Public Works Committee to consider the amendment which is in the Journal, at a public hearing as soon as the Chairman can call the hearing. I, I, I don't want to make a nuisance out of myself and I, sometimes I do, but I do think these things are highly important. I think they're concerned--I know they're concerned, the Highway Commission, they're concerned that everybody who is interested in roads. It has to do with the graveling of roads and all--we, we should set a broad policy now if that's possible so I make the motion, Mr. President, only for that purpose.

SPEAKER: Is there a second? It has been moved and seconded that we refer L.B. 87, is that it, back to the committee. Yes. It takes 25 votes. Is there any discussion? Question's been